SHRI BH. VIJAYAKUMAR RAJU (Narsapur): Sir, let the Minister make a statement..... (*Interruptions*)I want to say that many accidents are going occur. The Railway Minister is not here..... (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: The Railway Minister has sent me a letter asking for the permission to make a statement on this. I have allowed him to make a statement. The time will be communicated to you.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE (Vijayawada): I would like to speak on the previous issue raised by Shri Rao.....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Rao, is it necessary? It has been beautifully put to me.

SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: I would only like to supplement what my colleague Shri Rao has said. It is the Tobacco Board which has encouraged the farmers.....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: It becomes diluted unnecessarily when it has already been put in a very good shape.

SHRI SHOBANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Sir, it is not rice or paddy or wheat. The Tobacco Board itself encouraged the farmers to go in for higher production. Nearly sixty per cent higher production, they had advised the farmers. What I would like to impress upon you is this. Please ask the Commerce Minister to make a statement on this and he should also see that the balance of 15 million kgs. of tobacco is purchased. Sir, the traders and the Ruling Party have joined hands together and they are trying to exploit the farmers by giving lesser prices. They are going to give Rs. 10 crores to the AICC Plenary Session. That is the income of the farmers. It is really very shameful on the part of this Government. They have promised that the price will not be less than the last year's price. What is that they are doing? Shri Chidambaram came here and promised that the price will in no time be lesser than the last year. Now, 35 per cent lesser price is being given to the farmers. They are exploiting the tobacco growers. Why should this be allowed? Please ask the Minister to make a statement on this and take necessary steps to purchase the tobacco. Please see that the orders are given. You are coming in the way of erstwhile Russian State in not putting the entire order for your own mean ends.

13.00 hrs.

SHRI ANNA JOSHI (Pune): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to bring to your kind notice about the matter of bonded labourers in Maharashtra.

Though the Government seems to be encouraging for the release and rehabilitation of the bonded labourers yet you will be shocked to learn that in one of the nationalised banks – Bank of Maharashtra – this practice is followed there since long. In spite of the repeated requests from the authorised union of the bank employees and local MP, the bank management is dilly-dallying with the subject. More than hundred men and women are employed in this bank since 1973 and they are just getting a meagre fixed pay upto Rs. 150/- per month for the last twenty years. Even the income of the beggers on the street is also more than Rs. 15/- per month. These people of fixed pay are working there for the last twenty years.

I urge upon the Finance Minister to look into the matter very seriously and end this injustice immediately and continue the services of those unfortunate, exploited employees in full-fledged and regular scale and provide all other facilities as given to all other regular employees.

SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI (Sikkim): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to

draw the attention of the Government to the plight of tribal people of North Sikkim whose land have been under the occupation of Army authorities for more than two years. These tribal people have been deprived of their income from the land because the land have been under the occupation of army authorities and they have not been paid compensation also.

The army authority had proposal to acquire 80.20 hectares of land in Munshithang in North Sikkim. Some parts of the land belong to the Forest Department and some to the tribal people of that area. The Government of Sikkim cleared the proposal keeping in view the importance of the proposal and made available the total compensatory afforestation in place of the forest land, as required under the Conservation of forest law of the country. Despite that, the Government and the concerned Ministries that is, Defence and Environment and Forests have not acted and have caused misery to the tribal people of this place. This may strain the cordial relation between the local civilian people and the army authorities in this highly strategic and sensitive border State.

I would like to urge upon the Government to take necessary steps for early payment of compensation of the said tribal land and rescue the tribal people from misery.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, it is unfortunate that some Opposition Parties have been resorting to various tactics and indulging in a disinformation campaign on the Ayodhya issue just to appease the minorities, not only from today but for last 4–5 years in this House. I remember that at the time of opening the lock in Ayodhya everything ran smooth, but many people were killed the during the previous Government's regime. At the time when its foundation stone was laid during Shri Rajivji's regime, these people spread a rumour all over the country that the mosque had been demolished. Sir, the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh said that his Government has obeyed the orders of the Court and gave an assurance that there has been no harm to Ram Janam bhoomi and Babri Masjid and in future also nothing of the sort will be done. It is a fact that many people want that a temple should be built on the Ram Janambhoomi at the earliest. The U.P. Government and the Chief Minister have fulfilled their promise an ensured that no harm was caused to the disputed structure. People who have demanded a probe into the matter, do not know anything about it. They should go there and find out that not a single brick has been dismantled and the orders of the court are being honoured fully. As desired by the court, the ground is being levelled so that the visitors could offer their obeisance to the deities. But these people are raising a hue and cry here.(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SHARAD YADAV (Madhepura): The Government should show the map where the temple is to be built on the Ram Janmabhoomi.(*Interruptions*)

SHR RAM NAGINA MISHRA: Sir, the Opposition Parties are creating communal tension between the Hindus and the Muslims and they want to disintegrate the country.....(*Interruptions*)

I would like to know whether they have any information other than the map or the law on Ram Janmabhoomi and the Babri Masjid. If so, let them produce the same. These people indulge in such talks here.....(*Interruptions*).....Forty people were killed in Bihar, but no committee will go there to investigate the cause of the killing but a Committee will go to Uttar Pradesh over the question of demolition of one mosque.....